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KUB KAR RACES: 'Some of the cars are pretty elaborate'

# These scouts have a need for speed

### **GREG FURMINGER** Tribune Staff

The race cars sped silently, hut the spectators' roars at times were deafening.

Anyone who ventured to Seaway Mall Saturday was sure to here the cheers shouted by members from 9th Welland, 2nd Port Colhorne and 3rd Fonthill scout packs as they competed in their annual Kuh Kars championships.

"I'm having fun," said Josh Benard of the Port Colhorne

"I just like racing."

The hoys spent the previous week at the mall conducting time trials, which allowed them to make modifications from their scratch-made vehicles if

necessary for the hig day. "You have to have a good amount of weight and you have to have a slope in the front so the wind goes over," Roanin Smith said referring to his car's aerodynamics.

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Scouts from 9th Welland, 2nd Port Colborne and 3rd Fonthill watch their Kub Kar races Saturday at Seaway Mall.





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BULLYING: Pelham to support Pink Shirt Day

# Bullies will not PINK SHIRT DAY be tolerated

### MELISSA MANGELSEN

Pelham News Staff Principal Todd Bright says Glynn A. Green Public School is proactive with its approach to anti-bullying.

But it is still present at the Fontbill echool "It would be a lie to say that it doesn't exist here at Glynn

A. Green because it does, said Bright. "I don't burry my head in the sand about bullying, when we know about it we deal with it."

Bullying, like many other things, has progressed over the years due to technologi-

cal advancements. "Social media plays a big part in bullying now," he said.

Cyberbullying is severe because the target often feels no escape. It follows the victim home, invades their lives and is seen by a large scope of people in a click of a button.

Following some highly publicized cyberbullying cases that ended with suicide. students, teachers, parents, government and police have become involved to prevent bullving from starting and spreading the message that it is not tolerated.

District School Board of Niagara has a bullying-prevention and intervention policy in effect at all its schools. The policy involves daily classroom teaching with curriculum links, character

like Formula 1 cars, one

looked like the Herbie the

development initiatives, mentorship programs, citizenship development, student leadership, student success strategies, healthy lifestyles initiates and social skills develop-

"We engage parents, students and teachers in the program and explain what is and what isn't bullying, Most people think they know what bullving is, but it's so vast," said Bright.

One of the goals at Glynn A. Green is to engage bystand-

"When you have 40 staff members and 400 students the bystanders are the eyes and ears out there," said Bright.



Pelham will participate in Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 26

Glynn A. Green is a junior kindergarten to Grade 8 school. Bright said engaging students early in anti-bully-

ing is important to stop it in "It's not only the school's responsibility to stop bullying.

It's the responsibility of the entire community," he said.

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# Some of them are really creative'

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SCOUTS

"But perhaps even more important, he said, is that "the wheels have to spin real good." Many of the cars were built at a workshop at Auberge

of power tools. ished product.

Scouts were given a block of wood, four plastic wheels and weights to adjust their fin-

Love Bug. "Some of the cars are pretty elaborate," said Bob Fish, pack leader for 9th Welland. Richelieu, with some guid-"Some of them are really

creative — you can see by the paint jobs." ance and assistance in the use Jackson Ottaway of the Fonthill pack painted his green with

a blue racing stripe because they're his favourite colours. Some were made to look

And he was also aiming for

the least wind-resistance for when his car was launched down the track at the mall's centre court

"I made it kind of real flat so the wind goes over it," he said. The scouts raced in two classes; lightweight to a maximum 112 grams and heavyweight to no more than 142 g. Each car raced 12 times Saturday, always switching lanes to ensure fairness, and the average time was recorded and

calculated using a computerized timing system. Fish said many scouts didn't necessarily know that at the same time they were creating and competing, they

try and handicrafts. "And it's just a blast because they're racing cars," he added.

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Scout leaders, from left, Scott Lorimer, Doug Stayner and Ryan Robb prepare Kub Kars for a race Saturday at Seaway Mall









Wheelchair

# Pelham schools tackle bullying

According to DSBN pol-The Town of Pelham has stepped up to raise awareness of anti-bullying by participating in Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 26. The town will illuminate its arches pink from Feb. 15 to 26, staff members are encouraged to wear pink and town vehicles will display pink ribbons.

Pink Shirt Day started in Nova Scotia in 2007, when occur through the use of techtwo students decided not to be bystanders to bullying. They distributed 50 pink T-shirts after a male ninth grader was bullied for wearing a pink shirt during the first day of school. Pelham will join together on

Pink Shirt Day with E.L. Crossley secondary and A.K. Wigg and Glynn A. Green public schools participating.

icy, bullying is a dynamic of unhealthy interaction that can take many forms. It can be physical (hitting, pushing, tripping), verbal (name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments) or social (excluding others from a group, spreading gossip or rumours). It may also

All DSBN schools are required to develop and implement schoolwide bullying prevention and intervention plans as part of its school improvement plan. All incidents of bullying must be reported to the school principal

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### WHERE TO **GET HELP**

Students who are suffering distress because of bullying can contact the KidsHelpPhone at 1-800-668-6868 or the Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line at 1-800-268-9688. Free health services information from the Ontario Mental Health Helpline can be obtained by calling 1-866-531-2600, For more

### STATISTICS ON BULLYING

 One in three adolescent students in Canada have reported being bullied. Canada has the ninth highest rate of bullying among 13-year-olds on a scale of 35 countries

10% of Canadian adults know of a case of cyberbullying against a child in their household

 In about 85% of bullying incidents that occurred on a school playground, peers watched the bullying happen 51% of all teens have had a negative experience with social networking; 12% said someone

- posted an embarrassing photo of them Bullying occurs once every seven minutes on the playground and once every 25 minutes in the
- 55% of sexual minority students were verbally harassed in school 64% of LGBTO students feel unsafe at school
- In Canada suicide accounts for 24% of deaths among 15-to 24-year-olds and 16% among 16-to 44-year-olds. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Canadians between the ages of 10 and 24
- Bullying happens at workplaces, too, not just schools. (Source: stopbullyingcanada.wordpress.com, stopabully.ca, ourkids.net)

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# A wobbly skate to fight the winter blues

Vacationed in the Florida Keys last week. Sunny skies and temperatures in the high 20s. Came hack to the Buffla airport and had to clean snow off our car in -12°C weather.

Sadly, I receive no sympathy when I tell this story. Tough crowd out there.

Needless to say, it's heen a long, cold winter. I take partial blame for it.

In the midst of one of this season's cold spells, I should have attempted to build a backyard rink. Based on my rink-making experiences of the 1990s, a long mild spell would have immediately ensued, creating a faux-spring environment in Niagara.

My apologies. But enough with lamenting the ceaseless cold and

snow. It's to acclimatize.

To the skating rink!

Not the homemade variety. That's so 1996 for me.

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Since then, a four-pad has been huilt in St. Catharines.

Might as well take advantage of it, right?

Actually, a return to skating was one of the things

Actually, a resum to skaning was one of the things. I put on my to-do list when I retired late last year. I helieve it was sandwiched between cleaning out the hasement and learning Chinese.

The basement's done, the Chinese-language lessons are on permanent hold.

But there's an ulterior motive to lacing up the skates

again. Depending on how things go, I might consider shinny hockey as a next step. As anticipated, this plan did not find favour with

my wife, who recoiled in horror as she envisioned me crashing headlong into the hoards. Try curling instead, she suggested. Hmm, there's a thought. I mean, it beats trying to

Hmm, there's a thought. I mean, it beats trying to learn Chinese. And truth be told, the shinny hockey idea is not a particularly solid one.

For one thing, the painty equipment I used when playing regular pickup hockey 30 years ago and very sporadically since then has somehow vanished. Plus, my hockey skills were never that good. Further deterioration could make things ugly.

But that decision is for another day. First comes public skating.

Thave history with the four-pad on this front. As chronicled in a column, I was the first member of the public to hit the ice when the Seymour-Hannah complex opened in September 2005.

You'd think the city would have erected a plaque to note this historical fact. Couldn't find one, though. Public skating is offered Monday to Friday at Seymour-Hannah between 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. However, on Wednesdays there's a special time (9:15

110 11:15 a.m.) set aside for people ages 50 and over. Yee-haw. Nothing like blowing past a few wobbly 70-year-olds to get the confidence up.

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# **COMMENT**

## Throwing 92,000 people under the bus

We elland residents have a lot riding on an election in which they can't vote. The outcome of the Niagara Falls byelection today could decide if the Rose City comtinues to have a hospital, or another hoarded-up huilding.

huilding.
While NDP candidate Wayne Gates vowed
to fight to retain existing hospitals in south
Nagara while moving forward with plans for
a new Niagara Falls hospital, both Progressive
Conservative candidate Bart Mawes and
Liberal Joyce Morocco have made it perfectly
clear they are more than willing to sacrifice a

hospital that serves 92,000 people in Welland, Port Colhome, Pelham and Wainfleet to huild a new hospital in their city. Morocco even hrought Health Minister Deh Matthews to her city to officially decree that Niagara Falls would get a new Taj Mahal hospital — not Welland — and all other hospitals

including Welland's would close as a result.

"We are taking our time and spending the money on planning to make sure we get the hospital the people of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Falls area deserve." Matthews said on

What about Welland? It gets an urgent care centre. Hell, they can have two glorified walkin clinics located in rented office space in strip

Apparently, they feel that's what the people of Welland want. South Niagara residents are being told that more than 1.000 people were consulted hefore

South Niagara residents are being told that more than 1,000 people were consulted hefore this decision was made — 1,000 people who

## ■readers'views

### BRING THE TRAIN

There should have heen commuter GO train service hetween Niagara Falls and Toronto long ago. The Florida Tri Rail service hetween Miami and West Palm Beach is a great example of economic service. Our Niagara councillors are sleeping at the wheel.

ST. CATHARINES

### WHY ARE THEY COMPLAINING?

I am thoroughly upset over the fact that Town of Fort Ties employees are making \$26.50 an hour with full henefits and full pension, yet they are threatening to strike. So many plants have closed and so many people are out of work and about to lose their homes and the town employees are cool of work with no benefits and no pensions should strike in front of town hall and let them know how dispusted we are

SCHERRI TEAL RIDGEWAY

### DISAPPOINTED IN DYKSTRA As a veteran I noted with dismay recently

As a veteran I noted wim aismay recent that St. Catharines Tory MP Rick Dykstra voted against an NDP motion to re-open the Veterans' Service Centres that were closed Jan. 31 to provide additional mental health staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs

must have said, "Welland don't need no hospital. We ain't never get sick no how."

Were those I,000 people from among the 92,000 people who truly live in the area defined by the Local Health Integration Network as south Niagara — the communities of Welland, Port Colborne, Pelham and Wainfieet?

Just to be clear — Niagara Falls, as defined by the province's LHIN, is in east Niagara. It probably wouldn't have mattered much, anyway. The decision-makers don't seem to he interested in listening to what south Niagara

residents have to say.

A September 2012 report by Pollara Strategic Insights asked for the opinions of people from all over Niagara — including St. Catharines where another new hospital was just opened, and Grimshy which is served by a hospital

operated by Hamilton Health Sciences. Although 76% of survey respondents supported building a new south Niagara hospital, when they learned it would mean closing all existing hospitals in the process 60% opposed

But that didn't seem to matter. For healthcare decision-makers, public consultation seems to be a matter of explaining why they're right and you're wrong — rather than actually listening to what the people want and need and trying to find a way to provide it to them.

The decision-makers say they also talked to medical professionals who spoke about the henefits of a consolidated site, ahout "critical mass" and "centres of excellence."

Medical professionals in Welland have had plenty to say on the subject, too. They have repeatedly expressed grave concerns ahout the recommended changes. Wouldn't the concerns by medical professionals with a vested interest in the communities they serve carry more weight than someone an hour and a half

d, away? Meanwhile, 22,000 people from south Niagara signed a petition asking that Welland hospital he maintained.

nospital he maintained.

Not surprisingly, that petition was ignored.

Welland residents, for the most part, don't
want a new hospital. The one they have is just

Millions of dollars have been invested in that building during the past decade — a new ER and dialysis unit are just a couple of the recent upgrades. It could use a little bit of sprucing up in some of the older sections, but for the most part it serves the people of south

Nisgara as it was meant to Despite the growant gresentment in this community, largely fuelled by Nisgara Falls byelection rhetoric, most Welland residents would support the idea of building a new Nisgara Falls hospital for that community just please don't destrow Welland hospital in

the process.

Hopefully the majority of voters in Niagara
Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake won't
he as willing to throw 92,000 of their neighhours under the bus, as some of their politiclams seem only too willing to do.

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and to complete 75 investigations into suicides Veterans are told Service Canada Centres will provide all the required services. I have dealt with these centres in person and on the telephone. The questions I had regarding OAS were eventually answered, but the quality of service is inconsistent. I can only imagine the difficulties awaiting eldestly veterans and those trying to cope with PTSD. Our Veterans MCGER-SASTER.

ST. CATHARINES

### SNUBBED BY SUB SHOP My question for society today is this:

"what the heck ever happened to humanity?" I have never heen so disgasted with the lack of compassion as I was today. At the St. Catharines hus terminal, my daughter had a nosebleed. I asked the sub store clerk for a naplin. She replied, "They' ron free ya know. You have to purchase food." I was all I needed was a napkin. What is ever going to become of us if we cannot even spare one napkin?

KAREN DAYE WELLAND

### THANK YOU MUSEUMS

Once again, mother nature co-operated, providing mild weather for our 26th annual

Museum Day on Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls, Local residents attended in droves for a much-anticipated family day of exploring the museums and attractions. The dedication and generosity of the museum owners and managers is sometimes overlooked as they continue to participate to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. These husinesses deserve stellar accolades for their community involvement and loyalty to our cause. Museum Day 2014 raised an awesome, record-breaking total of more than \$33,000. My sincere thank you to the wonderful people who made this day possible by providing their attractions for us and also to the local residents attended. Your vital help brings us one step closer to finding a cure for cystic fibmeis

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### NIAGARA CYSTIC FIBRO

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME I agree with David Gillies: Don't forget the

seniors. If Prime Minister Stephen Harper can give a gift of \$66 million to Palestine and we have a big deficit, why doesn't he put that toward the deficit. I can't see giving away money to any country that needs help when we have a big deficit and lot of homeless people. Wake up, Mr. Harper.

DANIEL M. BEDARD ST CATHARINES

MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Augustyn to seek re-election

# **Political newcomer** A return to shinny hockey eyes seat on Pelham is a long, long way away town council

"I think this election will be about lead-

ership, whether people like my leader-

ship style or not. My key thing is involv-

ing the community in all decisions and

I'd like to continue that as mayor," said

Augustyn, who was first elected in 2006.

Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi and Cather-

ine King and Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp were not immediately returned

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Though still months until the municipal elections on Oct. 27, both Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, and Ward I Coun. Richard Rybiak were quick to put their names in for candidacy in Janu-

ary. "I filed right away because it was an easy decision to make." said Rybiak. "It's very satisfying work, necessary and important. I feel like I'm just getting to the point where I'm good at it and will be stronger in a second term." Rybiak was elected

early.



in 2011 in a byelec-Augustyn said he's not one of those cov people that wait it out, so he filed

"I was encouraged by folks in the community to continue as mayor, I've enjoyed being mayor, getting things done and moving the community for ward," said Augustyn.

Justin O'Donnell is a new name to the ballot. He put his name forward for Ward 2 councillor

"I've been politically active for along time, just behind the scenes. I decided it was time to put my money where my mouth was," said O'Donnell, who was actively involved in banning longboards from Pelham streets.

"I met with my neighbours and made a presentation to council, which got me interested in how decisions were made and issues were addressed," said O'Donnell This is his first time running for a position on town council. O'Donnell is the CEO and president of Blue Chip Consulting Services in Fon-

No one has stepped forward for Ward 3, but Coun, John Durley said that he is "very seriously considering" putting his name forward for nominations, Durley has been on town council since 2003.

"Elections are still a long time away and there are still a number of decisions that need to be made in the community regarding recreation and construction. so it will be a busy year," said Augustyn. COLUMN

### From Page 4

Alas, I became riveted to the Canada-U.S. women's hockey game Wednesday morning, and by the time I decompressed, my window of opportunity with the old cats had closed.

figured I'd better get my skates sharpened. So I did, for \$6.

Oh well, Bring on the younger Before lacing up the blades I

that didn't cost that much. Mind you, that was in the 1960s. And they were used. Still ... finally, skates sharpened, pulled on and tightened. It was show time. I didn't remember skating being

this taxing. At first, I blamed the chewed-up ice. But others were blowing by me like I was a wobbly 58-year-old, in large part because I was one.

Six dollars! Why. I've had skates

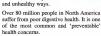
But I hung in there for an hour, and went away with lessons learned. To wit:

A return to shinny hockey is a long, long way away, I need to arrive early for fresh ice. The special time for old cats makes sense to me. Curling seems a fun game to

Florida in February is very nice.

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All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed by-law and background study. In order that sufficient information is made available to the public. copies of the proposed by-law and the background study are being made available as of March 1, 2014 from the Town Clerk, at the address set out below. Interested persons may express their comments at the Public Meeting or in writing, addressed to the Town Clerk, at the address noted below, prior to March 12, 2014.

Section 12 (1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, stipulates that before passing a development charge by-law, the council shall: (a) hold at least one public meeting

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Tuesday Feb 25 Monday Feb 24 8:00 - 9:00 am 10:00 - 11:00 am Friday Feb 28 Thursday Feb 27 9:00 - 10:00 am 10:30 - 11:30 am Women's Learn to Play Hockey Thursday Feb 27 9:30 - 10:30 am

Men's Shinny Hockey

Please note: There will be no Public Skate on Friday, Feb. 28 or Sunday, March 2 due to a hockey tournament.

Women's Shinny Hockey

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6:00 – 7:00 pm	Cherry Ridge Park (Walking)	Peace Park (Walking)	Pelham Arena (Walking)	Woodstream Park (Walking)	

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### THE COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 26th is Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day - Join the Town of Pelham and the Pelham Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in raising anti-bullying awareness by wearing pink on the 26th See full details at www.pelham.ca and find out how to participate at your local school and business.



Farmers' Market Vendor Applications - The Town of Pelham is currently accepting vendor applications for our 2014 Farmers' Market, which will run each Thursday starting May 1st and ending October 30th. Vendor stalls are \$30.00/week or \$200.00/season. Application packages are available on www.pelham.ca and at Pelham Town Hall.

Pelham Mayor's Gala Tickets Now Available - On Saturday, May 24th, 2014, Mayor Dave Augustyn and community volunteers will host the Sixth Annual Pelham Mayor's Gala at Lookout Point Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \*NOW\* available and sell out fast! Individual tickets are available for purchase at \$135 each. Partnerships are also available through the \*NEW\* Mayor's Gala Champions Program. Please contact 905-892-2607 ext. 337 or mtoscher@pelham.ca.

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## Gala for Good coming together for Port Cares

The committee behind the Home for Good Capital Campaign is getting ready to celebrate the generosity and positive response of the community in the quest for helping Pelham Cares with longterm viability.

The campaign committee is hosting the Gala for Good on March 1 at Lookout Point Country Club. The evening will feature live entertainment, including Niagara's own dance band The Deal, fine dining and dancing, along with a silent auction and other surprises, according to the committee

While the committee has been actively challenging community groups, service clubs and churches to hold their own fundraisers during the three-month campaign, Pelham Cares decided to focus its energies on one big event, so as not to exhaust the generosity of the town

The gala tickets are more than half sold, with the deadline to purchase set at Feb. 25, in order to properly plan all the details. The tickets cost \$125 each. and are available from the Pelham Cares office, at 905-892-5300, or info@ pelhamcares.org; or from board member Tracy Holmwood, at 905-688-9224, or at tholmwood@miller-restoration. com.

Those who are unable to attend but who still want to contribute can consider donating an item to the silent aucThe Home for Good Campaign is now

more than halfway through its threemonth run, and has nearly climbed to 50% of its \$500,000 target.

The campaign is a one-time effort to fund the permanent home and longterm sustainability for Pelham Cares. After 30 years of operation without a permanent home, and without any steady sources of funding, having a building with a rental unit to help offset costs is the best-case scenario for the essential community service going forward, according to the board, who made the decision last fall to purchase the building at 191 Hwy, 20 East, Movein date will be April 1 of this year, so the campaign will officially wrap up on

Pelham Cares has been renting space in the former Donut Diner on Hwy, 20, but the lease expires in August 2014 with no further chance for renewal.

The non-profit, volunteer-based organization operates a food bank. provides transportation to medical appointments, offers a youth subsidy program for recreational opportunities, and responds to Pelham residents in emergency situations. For more information about Pelham

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### Cash, drugs seized in raid

About \$8,400 worth of cocaine, plus other drugs, was seized by police during a raid on a Hwy. 20 apartment in Pelham. Niagara Regional Police

since last month had been investigating alleged drug deals being made by a male throughout Niagara.



This photo supplied by Niagara Regional Police shows drugs and other items seized during a Hwy, 20 apartment raid Wednesday.

Police executed a search warrant Wednesday, leading to the arrest of two people. In addition to the cocaine, police said they seized \$1,975.00 worth of marijuana, \$130 in prescription pills more than \$200 in powder MDMA

(ecstasy) and \$4,645 in Police also seized a prohibited weapon and numerous paraphernalia associated with the sale of

Paul Sentineal, 31, and Samantha Yarrow, counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime

Sentineal is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, and possession of

These two men shown in

suspects in a Jan. 8 theft

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of electronics merchandise

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### Arrest warrant issued

Niagara Regional Police are turning to the public for help in locating 55-year-old Daniel Kirkey for whom an arrest warrant has been issued.

to comply with a probation order. Kirkey has 16 criminal convictions including five for sexual assault with a

weapon, police said The last known address for Kirkey was Morrison St. in Niagara Falls (December

20131 Police believe he has left the region and may be in the Hamilton area

vehicle and observed it Anyone with information driven throughout Niagara is asked to call police or Falls and conduct short Crime Stoppers at 1-800visits with people in parking 222-TIPS

### Crack sold from rental vehicle

Surveillance on a rental vehicle from the Greater Toronto Area lead Niagara Regional Police Wednesday

to cocaine and cash Police said they received information that two males were dealing cocaine in Niagara Falls and using a



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arrested two people. Police

seized \$600 worth of crack

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cocaine and a quantity of cash. Courtney Hunter and Desmond Smith, both 26 of Brampton, are each charged with possession of

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# National icewine harvest standard applauded

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A move to standardize how Canadian icewine grapes are harvested is being hailed by Ontario stakeholders. Winery and Grower Alliance of Ontario president and Gedge said the standardization brings icewine grape harvesting in line with how things are done in Ontario.

The new national standard requires that the frozen grapes be harvested directly from the

"Where the issue became particularly pertinent in Canada was that there were some producers in Quebec that were actually clipping the icewine grapes off of the vine and putting them into a net, and then bringing them in when it got colder than -8°C." Gedge said. "And that's why it's absolutely key that the definition of icewine be qualified, so that the grapes actually have to be nicked from the vine itself at minus 8 or colder."

Gedge said Quebec growers did this because of the large amount of snowfall received there that makes it more difficult to manoeuvre in the vineyard.

"This circles back to issues of being able to assure consumers that when you see the word icewine you know exactly what it reflects and how it was grown and picked and pressed,"

"It's really important because Canada did not have a standard for icewine. And while various provinces did, we wanted to make sure we had a consistent definition for the entire country and that that definition was consistent with other definitions in other countries and found in international agreements

Grane Growers of Ontario CEO Debbie Zimmerman concurs. "It's something we've been working toward with the federal governthe authenticity of grapes naturally frozen on the vine," Zimmerman said. "And that's what we really wanted to do, was set some standards so that we could compete and ensure the credibility of our high-valued product. It's really important that you have those standards to be able to meet worldclass standards elsewhere when

you're exporting your product." Gedge said it's important consumers know the wine industry's "most premium" product is made following an industry standard.

"You want to make sure there's absolute consistency," he said. Gedge said the new Canadian standard is in line with "wine agreements with other countries, includ-

ing the European Union." We want to make sure that no matter where you buy icewine in the world, we all have the same quality and the same standards relative to what makes it icewine, as opposed to another type of wine," Gedge said.

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■ ECOLOGY: Habitat loss, climate among factors in decrease in butterflies



The monarch butterfly population has dropped sharply in recent years. A pair of Niagara experts point to a long list of likely causes.

## What's happening to the monarchs?

OMI Agency Niagara

The monarch butterfly is in trouble. Scientists report the population of the orange and black insect is down 44% in its Mexican wintering grounds, meaning fewer will make the 4.000-kilometre misma tion to Canada.

A number of factors are at play in the monarch's decline, say Brock University researcher Liette Vasseur, a professor in the department of biological sciences, and Cheryl Tyndall, curator of the Butterfly

Conservatory in Niagara Falls. They said loss of habitat, the use of herbicides and insecticides, climate change

and urban sprawl all have a role. "I think the main cause is habit destruction," Tyndall said. "One of the things is urban expansion — the cities are moving out and out and covering up a lot of what

used to be wild meedows land" Vasseur and Tyndall said illegal deforestation in the Transverse Neovolcanic Belt region of central Mexico, where the butter-

flies congregate for winter is problem. "For a long time, (the area) was protected," Vasseur said.

"These were nice tropical forests and gradually, with economic growth ... habitat loss became a huge issue

Vasseur and Tyndall said human eradication of the milkweed plant is another contributor to the monarch butterfly's demise. In addition to eating milkweed. the insects lay their eggs in the plant.

Vasseur said the tendency over the years has been for people to cut the weeds before they can spread.

"It was the normal habit of most people," she said. "So gradually, we have destroyed the population of milkweed to a point that many places are trying to replant it to be

able to help the monarch butterfly." Tyndall said an increase in soybean and corn production using herbicide-tolerant seeds has had an effect. These seeds allow farmers to spray their fields with herbicides that destroy all weeds and grasses without killing their crops.

"So we can spray herbicides and those crops grow, but milkweed doesn't," Tyndall said. "So what used to be the odd strand of milkweed in the middle of a corn field, the sovbean field, and was a nice habitat for a

monarch butterfly, no longer exists, She added the farmers' practice of using every available patch of dirt to farm has contributed to a decrease in the plants insects rely on

"When you used to drive along the roadside in a farming community, there would be a fair distance between the road and the fence before the farmer's field," Tyndall said. "Now most of the time, there isn't a fence and the fields come up pretty close to the edge of the roads, especially when you get into large expanses of acreage in your central plain areas in the U.S. and Canada.

"So they're farming road edge to road edge and there's no corridor that used to exist of that wild natural habitat that was full of nectaring plants for the adults and milkweed for the caterpillars."

Vasseur said the province and municipal governments contribute to the dearth in milkweed by indiscriminately mowing the plants in roadside ditches.

Vasseur said a Brock student explored several fields in Niagara last summer, but could find only four monarch butterfly pupae (egg, caterpillar, pupae, butterfly).

During its yearly butterfly count, Norfolk County Naturalists saw only four monarchs in July 2013, an all-time low. Since 1992, the group says on its website, it has averaged 52 sightings per year.

Tyndall said a colder than usual spring in Mexico in 2013 delayed the monarch butterfly's migration north and that they were not seen in Niagara until July, whereas they normally arrive in May or June. The third or fourth generation of the monarchs that leave Mexico make it to Canada. Two generations sock up the warmth here before heading back to Mexico.

Vasseur said an inordinate amount of hurricanes and tornadoes in the U.S. last year contributed to the small amount of monarchs that made it across the border. "It's not just one thing contributing, it's many factors," she said.

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# Surgeon restricted after sex abuse allegation

from Welland has been barred from being alone with female patients, after an allegation that he sexually abused an 18-year-old

Although the allegations against him have not been proven, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario imposed restrictions on Dr. Jamai Rakem on Jan. 31 preventing him from any professional encounter with female patients of any age in any urisdiction, unless they are in the presence of a female regulated health professional approved by the college.

The CPSO discipline committee has yet to scheduled a date for the hearing looking into professional misconduct allegations against Rakem. listed on a Notice of Hearing

The Notice of Hearing says the allegations against Rakem stem from a June 12, 2012 incident involving an 18-year-old-female patient. Rakem was unavailable to

comment. His office recentionist said he'd taken a few Wallenda walks again Wirewalker Nik Wallenda,

his wife and other members of his family will be performing shows this summer at the Darien Lake theme park near Buffalo

The announcement was made Wednesday by park officials Plans include Wallenda

and other aerialists performing twice daily from June 23 through Labour Day on Sept. 1.

take place inside the park's

Galaxy Theatre. There will be no shows on Mondays. "The level of entertainment Nik will bring to our guests this season is unprecedented," said Vince Nicoletti, director of marWallenda holds seven world records and he's coming with the world's best aerialists and stunt performers in tow. This truly will be an incomparable entertainment experience." Wallenda walked across Niagara Falls on a high wire

was viewed around the world by 13 million people, Last year, he also walked across the Grand Canyon. "My family and I are

thrilled to be back in the area and spending our summer at Darien Lake, said Wallenda.

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A big bite of TV exposure for Shark Marine Technologies has showcased the firm's cutting-edge equip-A sequence filmed at

Brock University highlighted the MAKO Diver Delivery System made by the St. Catharines company. The five-minute segment was aired on Discov-

ery Channel's show Daily Planet on Feb. 6. It featured company co-

owner and CEO Jim Garrington and a testing of the underwater, sled-like device in the Brock pool. It has a GPS inside, and can direct the diver to a specific location underwater "If we can make it work

here (in the pool), we can make it work anywhere, Garrington says, just before the successful autonomous tests. The segment also shows bow MAKO interacts seamlessly with divers.

The clip adds MAKO is designed for underwater search-and-rescue as well as covert operations. It also features scenes from the device in actual field use by divore

firm has been featured on networks like the History Channel and "a couple of other shows. "But this is our first for

Daily Planet and it's a pretty nice feather in our cap. Shark Marine has been manufacturing oceano-

graphic equipment since 1984 and now has 19 employees. It also provides related underwater serv-Its devices sold around

the world include a Sea-SAR multi-soner search and recovery system, an underwater remotely operated vehicle, camera systems and the new MAKO.

They are used for shipwreck and other marine explorations, as well as search-and-recovery

Its big clients include law enforcement, the military, commercial diving outfits, film production companies and science-and-research

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# Maddie's killer gets life

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my life. This is all a horrible dream. Every morning, Maddie Hood's mother wakes with these thoughts. Then she forces herself to envision her 19-year-old daughter in the cof-

"This is the image I will forever see as I try to learn to accept the reality of my life without Maddie," Colleen Hood said in court Tuesday. Maddie's killer, Cassell Farns-

fin, covered up to her neck to hide all the wounds.

sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 12 years. He pleaded guilty to second-

degree murder in November for the July 7, 2012 death of Maddie in her St. Catharines apartment.

But Farnsworth wasn't being led away until the people who loved Maddie told him exactly what he had taken from them

An affectionate, loving girl with a witty sense of humour. A voracious reader about to start at Brock University. Outspoken, stubborn, unconventional, emotional, fiercely loval, Har mother was the first to deliver

an emotional account of her relationship with her daughter, standing in court for more than 20 minutes while

friends and family wept "She loved me without reserve, in a way that only daughters love their mothers," she said. "I will never be

loved in that way again." The murder has decimated Hood, a professor at Brock who says she's now a shadow of her former self. It has filled her father, who made the trip from British Columbia, with a profound sense of loss. It has devastated her family



MADDIE HOOD

from the west coast to the east. Even the judge could not disguise the emo-tional impact he felt from 10 victim impact statements

"When I became a judge, I was told you shouldn't show emotion in a courtroom. Whoever said that has never been a judge."

Superior Court Judge James Turnbull said, his voice cracking. He said everyone in the courtroom, includ-

ing the staff, were moved. 'As a father, I can't even fathom what you

folks are going through: All the while, a smiling Maddie looked out on the scene from a picture frame perched on the witness box, where her mother had

She was found dead by firefighters in her rented basement apartment on East Hampton Dr., off Glendale Ave. east of Glenridge

She had been beaten, strangled and stabbed multiple times, before her apartment was set on fire, leaving burns to 28% of her body.

The cause of death was due to neck com-



The court heard Maddie and Farnsworth had previously been involved in a romantic relationship. Hood was involved in low-level drug dealing, selling mostly marijuana and some cocaine supplied by Farnsworth. At the time of her death, she owed Farnsworth an undisclosed amount of money. Farnsworth, now 21, chose to address Mad-

die's family from the prisoner's box. "I want to express how sorry I am for what I did to your family," he said, facing her

mother as he read from a paper in his shackled hands He said he didn't plan for this to happen when he visited Maddie that day, adding she

was a really good person and a lot of people liked her "I don't expect any of you to forgive me.

All I can hope for is you one day find peace." He then turned and apologized to his family, who sat on the opposite side of the courtroom, and told them he loved them.

See HOOD on Page 19



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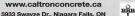


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# Adrian's got some hot stuff

f you're looking for heat, look no further.

Adrian Choinicki has cooked up a sure-fire way to stay warm this winter.

The creator of Adrian's Hot Sauce is ready to make Niagarans sweat, regardless of the weather. It all began when the Wellander,

armed with hot pepper seeds passed on from his uncle, tried growing the flery

Last year, the peppers not only sprouted, but grew in abundance. Faced with an overwhelming crop. the 25-year-old decided he would try

his hand at making hot sauce and, after concocting just the right mix of ingredients, began sharing the intense treat. His family, impressed by the former culinary student's recipes, encouraged him to keep making the tantalizing

condiment. They said it was the best hot sauce they've ever had," Choinicki said, sure there was some bias at play.

But when compliments began to roll in from complete strangers, he thought he might be on to something. Word of mouth has since been spreading - "faster than I've prepared

for," Chojnicki quipped - and orders have been flying in to www.adrians.ca. "E-commerce has been the go-to tool," said Kurtis McCartney, who's been using social meeting to promote

Adrian's products. "It's not so much individual orders. People want cases of the stuff," he said.

"His hot sauce is awesome." Made in a regionally certified kitchen, the sauce comes in both hot and extra hot - the latter the reason why Adrian's

customers are referred to as "victims." The extra hot version, not for the faint of heart, includes a blend of exotic peppers such as Scotch bonnet, ghost peppers and the Carolina Reaper.

world's hottest chili pepper by Guinness World Records in 2012.

Chojnicki can "definitely attest" that the U.S.-bred pepper is deserving of the title, admitting even he gets hot in the

face when faced with a taste. "I find it tough, to be honest with you, to handle the hottest ones," he said with a laugh of his home-grown peppers.

"But I do like the flavour. Since beginning the sauce-making venture. Cholnicki said his tolerance for

heat has greatly improved, His advice for those tempted but hesitant to give the flery recipe a try: "You're never going to learn how to swim if you

don't dive in." Chojnicki would ultimately like to create a Niagara strain of hot peppers which could take upward of eight years. He explained the region's climate

does make hot pepper cultivation dif-ficult, but possible nonetheless. Last year, Chojnicki's garden contained 34 varieties of peppers. He shares the outdoor space, and apparently the

green-thumb gene, with mom Lena. "My mom's been a big influence on me," he said. "The whole family has been," he said, thanking brother Justice and relative

Ron Lalande for their support. He plans to expand his website, which includes not only hot sauce, but pepper jelly and chocolate ghost pepper barbecue sauce, to also include a variety

of pepper seeds for sale. McCartney is hoping to see a part-nership spring up that has Choinicki's gluten free sauces featured in local res-

taurants, particularly those focusing on "fresh, locally-made products."

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## Comic book comes to life on stage

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It's a comic book with sound effects.

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Part of the fun with Intergalactic Nemesis is discovering just what the heck it is. For producer and director Jason

Neulander, it's a sci-fi mishmash born out of necessity. The former artistic director of Salvage Vanguard Theater in Austin, Texas, was scraping for work five years ago when he was offered the chance to put the radio play he was working on into a 4,500seat theatre. As he recalls, he wasn't sure how to

do it, "but I was desperate for this gig."
Freaky good fortune followed: He
envisioned turning the story into a
theatrical comic book just as a producer sald he had a projection system
available.

The result was a live-action adaptation of a cheeky comic set in the 1930s about a reporter who uncovers an allen race of sludge monsters. Book One was performed last year, and now Book Two, Robot Planet Rising, is coming to Brock University's Sean O'Sullivan Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 20.

With comic book panels projected onto a gigantic screen behind them, a trio of performers, a keyboardist and a sound effects guy bring the story to life on stage. The show has been featured on Conan O'Brien's show, and has received an ecstatic response from theatre and comic fans alike.

Neulander doesn't even consider himself a comic buff — he grew frustrated with prolonged story arcs — but quickly grew fond of graphics novels after some prodding from the show's keyboardist. Here he found mature, self-contained stories which could thrill a live audience, if given the chance.

"It was like ... how much do you enjoy doing puzzles. That's how I looked at it."

While there's humour in the show, Neulander says it's not a campy production. The story is inspired by Raiders of the Lost Ark, and even the stories which inspired Raiders.

Comic readers have latched onto the show, and Neulander insists on signing every bit of merchandise fans bring to him after each performance. The devotion has him thinking of different ways of telling the continuing story without prolonging it on stage after one more show, he'll close the book on it.

"My feeling is, Star Wars would be

best left as a trilogy."

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## Court staff, spectators moved by emotional testimony

### "He made a terrible mistake that he'll have

to pay for for the rest of his life," his lawyer Michael DelGobbo said.

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Reference letters from Farnsworth's family described a loving brother and son who grew up without a father and stepped up, walking his sister to school and always looking out for

Winston Churchill Secondary School as an Ontario scholar and was working full-time at Travelodge until the day of the murder, by all

accounts an excellent worker. His mother wrote that when she received the call from police, she could not believe her

son was capable of what they were saving. "This incident has changed all of our lives."

The judge told Farnsworth he hoped he understood the ripple

effect of his "savage" and "shameful" you've done." "Don't ever underestimate what

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A good student, he graduated from Sir





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Pharmacists

### PHARMACISTS NOW ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH THROUGH EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

As a result of new regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Ontario, pharmacists are now able to be more deeply involved in your medications and management of your medical conditions. The new regulations came into effect last October allowing pharmacists to make use of their unique knowledge. This is great news for both pharmacists and you, their patients. It will allow pharmacists to be an even more integral part of your medication management and it will provide you with greater convenience as pharmacists are easily accessible in the community

There are five main areas that these changes will affect:

1. PHARMACISTS CAN PRESCRIBE SEVERAL EFFECTIVE MEDICATIONS TO HELP YOU OUIT SMOKING. PATIENTS WHO MAY WISH TO TRY THIS METHOD OF QUITTING CAN NOW BE ASSESSED BY THEIR PHARMACIST - WHO WILL USE THEIR PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT TO DECIDE IF IT IS RIGHT FOR YOU. THIS MEANS THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE YOUR OOCTOR IN ORDER TO SET ON THE PATH TO BECOMING SMOKE-FREE AND THE PHARMACIST CAN BE INVOLVED THROUGHOUT THIS SOMETIMES

2. PHARMACISTS MAY BE ABLE TO RENEW YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS WITHOUT YOU HAVING TO SEE YOUR OCCTOR FIRST, YOUR CONDITION AND YOUR MEDICATIONS MUST BE STABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS MAY APPLY TO PATIENTS WHO HAVE WELL-MANAGEO CHRONIC CONDITIONS LIKE DIABETES OR HIGH BLOOD DRESSURE (THIS NEW REGILLATION DOES NOT APPLY TO NARROTICS AND SIMILAR SURSTANCES AND DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED TO SEE YOUR DOCTOR FOR PROPER FOLLOWUP AND MONITORING).

3. PHARMACISTS MAY ALSO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES/ ADAPTATIONS TO YOUR OCCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION IF NECESSARY BASEO ON PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY MAY CHANGE THE ODSAGE FORM (TABLET/CAPSULE/LIQUIO) OR THEY COULD ALTER THE ODSING REGIMEN AND POSSIBLY EVEN THE COSE TO SUIT YOU BETTER. AS ALWAYS, ANY CHANGES WOULD BE CONE WITH YOUR CONSENT AND THE PHARMACIST WOULD SHARE THEM WITH YOUR OOCTOR

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### **FEBRUARY 21** TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER for Pelham Centre School, 6:30 p.m. at Old Pelham Town Hall, 491 Canboro

Rd. Tickets are \$10 and include games. pizza and snacks. Also available: cash bar, 50/50 draw, silent auction, door prizes. Put together a team of eight for a fun night out. **FISH FRY** 

at the Royal Canadian Legion Legion Branch 4 banquet hall, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Haddock, french fries, cole slaw and bun for \$9 a person.

### **FFRRUARY 22**

### WRITING WORKSHOP

with Larry Brown at Pelham Public Library. Bring your pen and lots of paper, or your laptop, and your enthusiasm. Suitable for beginners and more experienced writers. Brown, of Brantford, is the author of two story collections, Talk (Oberon Press 2009) and Satellite (ebook, Kobo Books 2012). This event costs \$50 and runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register in advance

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hosted by Fonthill Lioness at the Fonthill Lions Hall, 7 p.m., \$5 a person. Light meal served. Prizes.

### **FEBRUARY 24**

at Wainfleet Township Public Library at 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral, by Kris Radish, To obtain a copy of the book, please register as a book club member.

### THERAPY TAILS

is at Port Colborne Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children are invited to drop by and tell a tale or two to a

### Therapy Tails dog PELHAM HORTICULTURAL

Society meets 7:30 p.m. at the Fonthill library. Tony Post, sales consultant at Valleybrook Gardens, speaks on new

### perennials for 2014. WAINFLEET HISTORICAL

Society meets 7:30 p.m. in the Patrons of Industry Hall in Marshville Heritage Village . The topic will be Appalachian history on the Blue Ridge Parkway. presented by WHS members Roland Meisel and Beth Jeffery. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 905-386-6978

### HEARING CLINIC

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## FEBRUARY 26 THE BLIZZARD OF 77

Erno Rossi, author of White Death. The Bitzard of 77, evoles the triumph and tragedy of the regional natural history event of the 20th century through photos and personal stories during his 7 pm presentation at Durnville Public Library. Admission is free, donations welcome. Reservations are required. E-mail dunnvilleheritage@gmail.com or call 905-701-8218.

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# FEBRUARY 27 CLASSIC BOOK CLUB at Wainfleet Township Public Library 2

p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for afternoon tea as we discuss the works of classic literature. This month's selection is Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll. To obtain a copy of the book, please register as a book club member. FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH

Education Coping Skills Workshops at Port Colborne Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These workshops are intended for families and significant others who have an adult relative who is dealing with a serious mental health problem and/or co-occurring disorder. All workshops are free. Registration is required. Call 905-894-6808.

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The deadline for 2013 retirement savings plan contributions is only two weeks away. This year, it's March 3" I'm sure many people are getting caller from their Financial Advisor or Bank/Credit Union to book an appointment and get those last minute retirement contributions in for the tax season. How long has it been? Was the last call from them about 12 months ago? Sadly, this is the case for many investors.

Large financial institutions often hold inlemal competitions for this staff to get as much omoney brought in as possible during this time. The determined largests are set and borsuses are received. Fast of when these largests are mentioned to a staff or mice the largest are metallicities of the contraction of the client but rather on the brouches ability to increase neversus. It is not all negative brough. It gets Commisses thinking about their intrinsives, when is a sharper a good about their intrinsives, when is a sharper a good target pressure is over. Far too often, so is the focus on managing that money.

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Peoples, 53, Jonesboro, GA - Parking ticket officer had stress reliet, no more angina chest pain, increased blood circulation in cold whether, has now also warm hands and feet. Joel Phelps, 47, Windsor, ON For 30 years had inflammation in my foot from ball games. A good Turmeric was recommended (Curcumin is an extract). After 1 day had 90% pain relief. I was amazed how quickly it took effect. As a bonus had other health benefits including insomnia relief. Dan DeZorzi, 42, Mardstone, ON



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Marcia leads you through different types of meditation, at Pelham Public Library, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Great for beginners and people who have meditated before. Bring a pen and notebook, Cost \$3; register ahead

### TO THE MOON AND BACK

fundraiser dinner and silent auction for Niagara Children's Centre is at Sami's restaurant, in honour of local boy Carter Luey, who was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Fragile X Syndrome. Last year nearly \$4,000 was raised. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$50 a person. Auction donations welcomed. For tickets and more information visit the Facebook event page at www.facebook. com/events/376677225800647/, or contact Christina Hall at 905-788-4685 or Chinch71@hotmail.com

### MASQUERADE BALL

The Hungarian Hall in Welland, 361 Hellems Ave., is holding a pre-Lenten masquerade ball, dinner and dance. Prize for best costumes. Chicken soup, cabbage rolls, beef stew with orzo, salad, coffee, tea and dessert, Live music, Tickets: Adult \$ 30; student (7-14) \$ 15. For tickets call Anna at 905-735-0959, Eva at 905-734-3593 or Tihor at 905-735-6447

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S

Day performances and art exhibition at Roselawn Centre for the Arts, 296 Fielden Ave., Port Colborne, noon to 6 p.m. Local female artists: woodcarving, watercolour, pottery, photography, beadwork, acrylic. Cost \$25 for adults: \$15 for seniors and students. For tickets call 905-834-7572 or see facebook.com/ CelebratingWomenAndTheArts.

### MARCH 3

### BOAT OPERATOR'S COURSE

offered by Port Colborne Power and Sail Squadron, March 3, 4 and 5, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, Welland. Cost: \$70. Register at www.boatingcourses.ca.

### MARCH 4

### PANCAKE SUPPER

First Lutheran Church, 688 Flm St., Port Colborne, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, tea, coffee and dessert.

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at Wesley United Church, 244 First Ave. N., Welland, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pancakes. sausages, desserts, tea and coffee, Adults \$7. children three to 12 \$4, under three free. All welcome.

### PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday supper at St. Alexander parish, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults \$6, child \$4 (12 and under), Pancakes, sausages, baked beans, coffee, tea and juice.

### **GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

Port Colborne Optimists hosts Girls Night Out, featuring local psychics, entertainment by Randy Thomas, Joseph's Winery tastings, hors d'oeuvres served by volunteer firemen, numerous vendors, a Zumba demonstration and Shanyn Pollard, a Miss Pole Dance Canada, Tickets are \$25 each, or 10 tickets for the price of nine, available by calling 905-834-7988. The event is at Brebeuf Hall at 300 Killaly St. E. Doors open

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Following on the heels of her popular book, I Did, You Can Too, Dorothy Seabourne presents stories and images from Dreams to Memoirs during her visit to Pleham Public Library. This photo book highlights the 12 European tours she has taken by motorcycle over the past 30 years. At age 73, she is making plans to tour Ireland on a "big bike" next year. Copies of the book will be for sale at the presentation for \$40. Time 7 p.m.; cost \$4. Register ahead.

### MARCH 15

### **DUCKS UNLIMITED**

Port Colborne hosts a dinner and auction at Brebeuf Hall. Early bird draw Feb. 21. For tickets call Sharon at 905-834-9556.

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### FREE EMPLOYMENT HELP

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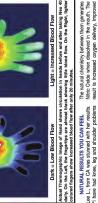
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